(d) whether Government would consider setting up of a Central Sanskrit University in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Number of Universities in the Country

6111. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities in the country as on 1st April, 1994;

(b) what is the total strength of students in each such University;

(c) the Universities which do not have a regular Vice-chancellor; and

(d) what is the Policy of Government with regard to the setting up of new Universities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by AIU, there are 211 University institutions including 10 Institutions of National Importance vested with the authority to award degrees in the country as on 1-4-94.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Central Universities are established by Acts of Parliament in response to certan historical, cultural and Centre-State considerations.

Grants given to central urdu Universities

6112. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how may Central Urdu Universities are there in the country;

(b) how much grants are given to such universities; and

(c) what is being done to encourage Urdu education in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): a) At present, there is no Central Urdu University in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government constituted Taraqqui-E-Urdu Board in 1969 to advise the Government on promotion and development of Urdu Language. The recommendations of the Board are implemented through the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu. The main activities of the Bureau include publication of Urdu books and glossaries of technical terms; compilation of Urdu Encyclopaedia; provision of financial assistance to recognised institutions for activities relating to promotion of Urdu Language.

Unsatisfactory functioning of Aligarh Muslim University

6113. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the serious concern expressed by the Executive Committee of the Aligarh Muslim University Old

Boys' Association over the unsatisfactory functioning of this once prestigious Muslim Central University;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Executive Committee has also decided to hold an All India Convention shortly to discuss the worsening situation and also to find ways and means to tackle it; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether Government propose to discuss the issue with the representatives of the Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A news-item with the caption "AMU Old Boys' Association worried" had appeared in 'the Hindu' dated April 18, 1994 which mentions about the concern of Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association over the unsatisfactory functioning of the University.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) the University is functioning smoothly. Examinations and admissions in the University are going on according to the Scheduled time-table and regular meetings of the Court, Executive Council and the Academic Council are being held. The University has also informed that there are many factions of Old Boys Association and in view of the multiplicity of Old Boys' Associations, it is not possible for the University to hold disussions with them.

खुदाबख्श ओरियन्टल पब्लिक लाइब्रेरी और रजा लाइब्रेरी से चुरायी गई पाण्डुलिपियां

6114. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पटना स्थित खुदाबख्श ओरियंटल पब्लिक लाइब्रेरी और रामपुर स्थित रजा राइब्रेरी से बहुमूल्य पाण्डुलिपियां चोरी करके विदेशों में बेच दी गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस मामले की कोई जांच करायी है ; और

(ग) इस तस्करी के लिए कौन-कौन से अधिकारी दोषी पाए गए हैं और उनके विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास संराज्य (शिक्षा विभाग एवं संस्कृति विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Lack of proper monitoring and Evaluation of operation black board scheme

6115. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre's Operation black board scheme launched to realise the objective of the National Education Policy has failed in most of the States due to lack of proper monitoring and evaluation;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and what are the reasons therefor;